

**ANNEX 1  
APPLICATION FORM**

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**PLEASE SEND TO [secretaria.escazu@cepal.org](mailto:secretaria.escazu@cepal.org) by 31 August 2022 (11:59 pm Santiago, Chile time)**

**Please select as applicable:**

	YES	NO
I am a national or resident of a Latin American and Caribbean country of Annex I of the Escazú Agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am registered in the Regional Public Mechanism by the closing date of the electoral register	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am employed or have been employed in any branch of the State, national or sub-national, within the 12 months prior to the election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**a. Personal details**

1) Full name: **Laleta Lileth Davis Mattis**

2) Gender: **Female**

3) Date of birth (day/month/year): **May 16, 1960**

4) Nationality or country of residence: **Jamaica**

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**b. Subregion.** Indicate the electoral sub-region for which you are running (**select ONE**):

Subregion 1.

Subregion 2.

Subregion 3.

**c. Languages**

Level of Spanish:

Oral:                      Basic:                       Intermediate:                       High:                       Mother tongue:   
 Written:                      Basic:                       Intermediate:                       High:                       Mother tongue:

Level of English:				
Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	High: <input type="checkbox"/>	Mother tongue: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	High: <input type="checkbox"/>	Mother tongue: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other language (please specify)				
Oral:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	High: <input type="checkbox"/>	Mother tongue: <input type="checkbox"/>
Written:	Basic: <input type="checkbox"/>	Intermediate: <input type="checkbox"/>	High: <input type="checkbox"/>	Mother tongue: <input type="checkbox"/>

**d. Letter or statement of motivation for applying for the role (600-1000 words maximum):**

The Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazu) presented to the world, the realization that Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration can be practically incorporated in the development and formulation of International Multilateral Agreements. The negotiation of the Agreement brought together government delegates, representatives of the public, experts, academics and other interested stakeholders who participated actively on a collaborative basis and an equal footing. I was privileged to be a part of that process both from the side of a representative of the Public as well as being a part of a team to advise the Government of Jamaica on the proposed text, and to facilitate the navigation of the terms to facilitate the full implementation of ESCAZU. I attended the meeting in Chile held in Santiago de Chile in 2016 as a Representative of the Public.

Being a Representative of the Public affords me the opportunity to be an advocate for the voiceless, both in terms of the natural environment, people and communities. The designation requires a high level of diligence as Representatives of the Public must be, in addition to being an advocate for the regional public, in a position to influence decision making and to ensure compliance with the Escazu Agreement. The position becomes even more relevant, in the implementation of the Agreement including the development of legislation to ensure compliance. I am an Attorney-at-Law, whose skills at legislative drafting and the development of policy enable me to facilitate the process of implementation. Additionally, a Representative of the Public is required to be able to communicate with all levels of society. My expertise as a trained media and communication specialist, an Attorney with a specialty in environmental law and experience serving as a Member of the Public in 2016, have equipped me with the skills, knowledge and temperament to carry out this role with the utmost diligence, integrity and humility. I have been poised for such a task as this, in such a time as this, when access to environmental information in relation to public health and safety must be a pre-cursor and an integral part of decision making where access to environmental information is still not at the level of openness and transparency as it ought to be. Our peoples must be informed so that they are driven to becoming their own advocates to engage in peaceful and open discussions in accordance with people centred governance. This requires dedicated persons who will be at the forefront of advocacy to facilitate access to information and informed responses from the citizens of our states.

The position of Representative of the Public requires the dissemination of environmental information, which includes the progress of the Escazú Agreement, in a manner that can be easily digested by any person regardless of age, level of education or the available media of communication. The information disseminated must also be in a manner that allows members of the public to provide their input through the Regional Public Mechanism. Therefore, this role is instrumental in facilitating the full engagement of

the public as envisioned by the framers of the Agreement and as is necessary for strengthening democracy and giving effect to human rights.

The Agreement also requires in Article 8 that Each Party shall guarantee the right of access to justice in environmental matters in accordance with the guarantees of due process. This is an indispensable requirement. The requirement to provide access to environmental information without the legal requirement to enforcement that right, is not a right at all. As an Attorney-at-Law, I am not only trained to advise on matters of access to Justice but to interpret and to guide processes to facilitate and enforce access.

I seek to be a part of this group of persons who are championing the liberation of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean through access to environmental information.

**Education and relevant experience:** indicate your education and experience in matters related to the Escazú Agreement

**Education:**

1998-1999 Master in Marine Management: Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada  
1993-1995 Certificate in Legal Education, Council for Legal Education, Kingston Jamaica  
1991-1993 Bachelor of Law, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados  
1994-1998 Bachelor of Arts (Mass Communications) University of the West Indies, Mona Kingston, Jamaica

**Experience:**

2019 Expert Meeting on The Right to a healthy Environment as a Fundamental Right: Geneva 2019

2016 Representative Member of the Public in the negotiations on the Regional Agreement For The Full Implementation Of The Rights Of Access To Information, Public Participation Sand Access To Justice In Environmental Matters, pursuant to Principle 10 of the Rio declaration on the Environment and Development, sponsored by Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean/Chile

Member Jamaica's Rio Principle 10 Working Group on access to environmental information and environmental justice

2015 Environmental Democracy Index: Reviewed Jamaica's legislative regime granting access to information

2014-present Member of The Access Initiative, the largest network in the world dedicated to ensuring that citizens have the right and ability to influence decisions about the natural resources that sustain their communities.

2013-present Adjunct Lecturer with The University of The West Indies in the Environmental Management Unit, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences, and the Faculty of Law. I design and deliver the masters course in Environmental Law and Policy for Natural Resource

Management in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences and I am a Lecturer in International Environmental Law and Caribbean Environmental Law in the Faculty of Law.

**f. Time availability:** please explain your time availability and commitment to perform the functions of representative of the public

I will be available to attend both face-to-face and virtual meetings as well as facilitate and be a part of overseeing the implementation of Escazu.

**g. Other relevant information**

I am currently employed to The University of The West Indies, with access to a plethora of research information.

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